

tellectual System into French/ but was prevented from completing it by his death, which happened in May, 1717.

But to return to our Author: in 1678, he was installed prebendary of Gloucester.⁵ He died at Cambridge, June 26, 1688; and was interred in the chapel of Christ's College, with the following inscription on his monument:—

" Here lyeth the body of Dr. Ralph Cud worth, late .Master of Christ's College, about thirty years Hebrew Professor, and Prebendary of Gloucester. He died the 26th of June, 1688, in the seventy-first year of his age."

He was a man of very extensive learning, excellently skilled in the learned languages and antiquity, a good mathematician, a subtle philosopher, and a profound metaphysician. He embraced the mechanical or corpuscular philosophy; but, with regard to the Deity,, intelligences, genii, ideas, .and in short the principles of human knowledge, he, followed Plato, and even the latter Platonists.⁰ A great number of writers commend his piety and modesty ; and Bishop Burnet^d having observed, that Dr. Henry-More studied to consider religion as a seed of a deiform nature, and in order to this, set young students much on reading the ancient philosophers; chiefly Plato, Tully, and Plotin; and on considering the Christian religion as a doctrine sent from God both to elevate and sweeten human nature, tells us, that

^a See his Eloge in Hist, de l'Academie des Inscriptions et Belles iLettres, torn. ii. p. 562, edit Amsterdam.

^b Survey of the Cathedrals of York, &c. by Browne Willis, Esq, p* 743, edit. .London, 1727, in 4to.

^c Mosheim, *ubi supra*.

* History of his Own Time, vol. i. p. 18?*